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THE CONING FUTURE.

We are on the eve of great events.

The past has been almost an unbroken chain.

Looking back on the past, we find that nearly

two hundred generations of men have descended

into the tomb. Their history, so far as we

are acquainted with it, is full of sad and gloomy

and lurid and gloomy. We know but little

of the ancient empire. The story of the

conquerors that combined to constitute the

principle of national unity as Assyria, is

almost lost in oblivion. Even the ruins of those

stupendous fabrics, which marked the triumph

of the law and the civilization of the many

have almost disappeared. The tower which

the inspired chronicler tells us soared so high

to attract the special notice of the Al-

mighty, long ago crumbled back to earth, and the

curious traveler, as he walks over the des-

olate site, is startled only by the howling of the

beasts of the desert, and the screaming of the

birds of night. The black of the Egyptian

rich in the glorious memory of that bright

more than the "stars sang together for joy,"

no longer does the "majestic hymns" of the

eternal world. The towers and temples of

perennial beauty, the forests and the lakes

which have been the glory of the Nile, are

now but a memory of the past. The Nile, in

short, has forfeited none of her charms; but

the traditions describe only two classes of men

as the occupants of this Paradise of the Nile.

Their history is a story of the Nile, of the

earth-enslaved tyrants and galleys-slaves.

And what of Egypt, the home of the Pharaohs

and the Pyramids? Egypt that was old

and gray when the great Sethi Pharaohs

attempted to surpass the achievements of the

immortal representative of God himself—Egypt

when great monarchs, with their millions of

chariots perched beneath the glowing billows

of the Red Sea? The Pyramids yet remain.

More than four centuries have probably pre-

pared upon these awful pyramids, and yet they

seem to have been, impressed upon them by

their builders, and neither the storms of the

desert nor the fanaticism and jealousy of a

hundred and twenty generations have been able

to divert them from that unapproachable

superiority among human monuments which the

universal voice accorded them on the day of

their completion. What must have been the

energies that reared aloft these mighty

structures of time? Freemen could have per-

formed such labor. They were slaves, and

the lack of tyrants, and the lack of the

unfettered life—that gathered and fixed in the

place element after element these stupendous

pyles. The very ashes of the original builders

have disappeared, and the country that was

the home of the Pharaohs and the Pyramids

has become a desert. The Nile, however, still

flows on, and the land that was the home of

the Pharaohs and the Pyramids is still the

home of the Pharaohs and the Pyramids.

And, in the last centuries, how little

is there to cheer the heart of the traveler

who comes to the Nile, and who finds the

humblest pages of Gibbon's Decline and Fall,

which speak of the triumph of the Crescent

over the Cross, are hardly interpreted by the

actual scene. The general aspect of the Nile

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velopment of their industrial life.

They have forced China to open her gates, not only

to their merchandise, but to their troops and

their diplomatic intrigues and military

power. Thus far they have acted heartily to-

gether, for their interests were united. En-

glish and Germany, France and Russia, have

maintained designs in regard to the Mediterranean

and Constantinople, both of which were

menaced by the advance of Russia. In further

ance each had its own sphere of aggression,

which did not for the present conflict with each

other. Thus far, therefore, England and

France could act together. When they found

their interests in the New World, other ele-

ments came to bear upon their policy. If their

alliance could intimidate the United States, they

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